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Dear Sirs:

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Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining

Environmental Assessment for Mineral Investments, Inc. Flat Top Mine in Section 32, T24S, R11E, Emery County, Utah

The staff has reviewed the proposed project and find no significant problems; although the State Paleontologist would like to make the following observation:

"The Moen Kopi Formation is well known in other areas for the occurrence of fossils vertebrate and trace; therefore, it is poor judgement to simply dismiss it. A qualifying state would be in order to at least recognize the potential for disturbing the paleontological resource, which logically would be encountered during mining activities."

The State Archeologist bases his clearance on the report of the Environmental Assessment prepared by Oil, Gas, and Mining.

If you have any questions, please contact Wilson G. Martin, Preservation Planner, Utah State Historical Society, 603 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102, 533-5755.

Sincerely

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